

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

Dear Chairman Powell and the FCC;

Our media, our press has greatly been weakened by the emergence of a corporate press. In our community, what was formerly 4 to 5 robust radio stations is now 7 or 8 stations owned by two entities. We used to have a lively AM radio station where you could really hear about local issues. Now it is a highly regimented "this is what sells" radio programming. Radio personalities committed to our community were fired and their quirkish but community centered schtick is also a thing of the past.

Also, as just a handful of entities own radio and news outlets, the news becomes more homogenous and less broadening.

Please keep our press free. Though corporatism is very popular, it is not necessarily in the common good. Also it is time for the FCC to not be so completely composed of corporate communicate entities.

George Orwell painted a bizarre picture of how the press would control opinion and every one regarded it as far-fetched. Current day happenings prove that it is all too likely to happen.

It is amazing what I would NOT know if I only read by corporately controlled local newspaper, listened to my corporately controlled local radio and TV stations or the other national corporate outlets

(MSN, CNN, and of course, FOX).

Keep our airwaves free.